

Traffic situation after Typhoon Mangkhut

Although Typhoon Mangkhut already landed in the Guangdong Province and wind is easing off in Hong Kong, the massive typhoon has brought severe damage to various parts of the public transport network and facilities (particularly roads and piers). The relevant government departments and public transport operators are working in full steam, including repairing road surface and traffic lights, clearing blocked roads, etc., so as to restore the public transport services as quick as possible.

A government spokesman today (September 17) reminded members of the public to pay attention to the road conditions and the latest arrangements for public transport services and allow more time for travel. Motorists especially private car drivers and commercial vehicle drivers are advised to exercise tolerance and patience, and drive carefully to ensure safety. On public transport services, franchised bus companies have already accorded priority to provide feeder bus services to MTR stations.

As at 7.30am today, the updated transport service arrangements are as follows:

I) Limited services being provided by MTR:

- Tsuen Wan Line 8-minute intervals
- Kwun Tong Line 8-minute intervals
- Island Line Normal frequency
- South Island Line Normal frequency
- Tseung Kwan O Line
- North Point Station – Po Lam Station Normal frequency
- Tiu Keng Leng Station – LOHAS Park Station Normal frequency
- Tung Chung Line
- Hong Kong Station – Tung Chung Station Normal frequency
- Disneyland Resort Line Normal frequency
- Airport Express Normal frequency
- East Rail Line
- Hung Hom Station – Sha Tin Station 10-minute intervals
- Sha Tin Station – Tai Po Market Station 15-minute intervals
- Sheung Shui Station – Lok Ma Chau Station 15-minute intervals
- Sheung Shui Station – Lo Wu Station 10-minute intervals
- West Rail Line Normal frequency
- Ma On Shan Line Normal frequency
- Light Rail Limited Service
- MTR Bus Limited service

II) Franchised Bus Services:

1. NWFB/CTB: Due to obstacles on roads, the service of NWFB & CTB daytime routes are suspended, except the following routes:

- i) NWFB: 82M;
- ii) CTB: 48,70,72,72A,75,78,90,592,S1,S56

2. KMB: the service of daytime routes are suspended, except the following routes: 6,59M,60M,68M,71A,238M,904,K12,K14,K17,K18

3. LWB: the service of daytime routes are suspended, except the following routes: S1,S64

4. NLB:

- (a) Routes 37,37H,37M, 38 have gradually resumed normal,
- (b) Routes 1,2,3,4,11,21,23,34,36,A35,B2,B2P are still suspended;

III) Ferry Services

The following ferry services will resume shortly:

i) Inner Harbour Routes

- 1. Coral Sea (Kwun Tong- Sai Wan Ho): gradually resume service at 6:48am
- 2. Coral Sea (Sai Wan Ho – Sam Ka Tsuen): gradually resume service at 7:00am
- 3. Star Ferry (Central –Tsim Sha Tsui): gradually resume service at 6:30am
- 4. Star Ferry (Wan Chai– Tsim Sha Tsui): gradually resume service at 7:20am

ii) Outlying Islands Routes

- 1. New World First Ferry (Cheung Chau – Central): gradually resume service at 7:00am
- 2. Tsui Wah (Aberdeen – Yung Shue Wan): gradually resume service at 7:20am
- 3. Discovery Bay Ferry (Discovery Bay – Central): gradually resume service at 7:15am
- 4. Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry (Sok Kwu Wan – Central): gradually resume service at 8:00am
- 5. Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry (Yung Shue Wan – Central): gradually resume service at 7:20am
- 6. Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry (Peng Chau – Central): gradually resume service at 7:25am
- 7. Park Island Ferry (Ma Wan – Central): gradually resume service at 7:00am
- 8. Park Island Ferry (Ma Wan – Tsuen Wan): gradually resume service at 10:15am

The following ferry services will resume later today:

i) Outlying Islands Routes

- 1. Tsui Wah (Aberdeen – Cheung Chau)
- 2. Chuen Kee Ferry (Aberdeen – Sok Kwu Wan)
- 3. Peng Chau Kaito (Discovery Bay – Mui Wo)

Due to damage of some ferry piers, the following seven ferry services will be suspended for a longer period after typhoon signal has been lowered

to No. 3:

i) Inner Harbour Routes

1. New World First Ferry (North Point – Hung Hom)
2. New World First Ferry (North Point – Kowloon City)
3. Fortune Ferry (North Point – Kwun Tong)

ii) Outlying Islands Routes

1. New World First Ferry (Central – Mui Wo)
2. New World First Ferry (Peng Chau – Mui Wo – Chi Ma Wan – Cheung Chau)
3. Fortune Ferry (Tuen Mun – Tung Chung – Sha Lo Wan – Tai O)
4. Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry (Special Departures of Peng Chau – Hei Ling Chau)

"We hope the community understands and be patient. It inevitably takes some time for public transport service to resume normal. The government departments will continue its efforts and will keep the public and the media informed of the latest situation," the Government spokesman said. "Also, members of the public will no doubt be affected during the start of the working day. The Government urges employers to be considerate and exercise flexibility in light of the difficulty faced by employees to go to work under such circumstances."

Flag-raising ceremony cancelled

Owing to the Strong Wind Signal No. 3, the flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 8am today (September 17) will be cancelled.

Reopening of Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat at suitable intervals:

The Marine Department announces that the Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal in Tuen Mun has been reopened.

For details of ferry schedules, please contact relevant shipping companies direct.

Reopening of Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat at suitable intervals:

The Marine Department announces that the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal in Sheung Wan has been reopened.

For details of ferry schedules, please contact relevant shipping companies direct.

Arrangements of public services in LegCo Complex

As the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 has been lifted by the Hong Kong Observatory at 5:20 am today (September 17), the Legislative Council (LegCo) Secretariat announced that the service of the LegCo Public Complaints Office, as well as public services in the LegCo Complex, including guided tours of the Complex for members of the public, the LegCo Library and the LegCo Archives, will gradually be resumed normal.

Meanwhile, since the Education Bureau announced class suspension of all schools for today, LegCo's education service for students, including guided educational tours of the Complex and the Children's Corner, will continue to be suspended today.